

## **ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD**

*The purpose of this award is to recognize a group or individual who has made a significant contribution to parks and recreation in their community.*

Evidence of achievement - must meet **one or more** of the following criteria:

- Must have contributed extensive volunteer time toward providing leisure service programs, parks or facilities;
- Must have contributed funds for beautification efforts, park acquisition, park development, or leisure service programs;
- Must have donated land, facilities, equipment, or personnel for permanent or temporary use for leisure purposes;
- Must have actively supported leisure service programs or bond proposals before governing bodies or the community as a whole.

## **ARTS AND HUMANITIES AWARD**

*The purpose of this award is to honor the most innovative and effective arts and humanities programs in the field of parks and recreation in North Texas.*

Nominations must include the following information:

- A brief description of the overall Arts and Humanities program and its relationship to the specific program to be judged. Include the variety of activities offered, cross section of population served, and length/duration of the program.
- Describe the innovative nature of the individual program to be judged. Include the reason why the program was established, inter-agency cooperation, if any, and what community needs does it fulfill.
- Describe what the specific program has done to expand the interest in Arts and Humanities.
- Provide information on the following:
  - Operating budget for the overall programs and individual program nominated;
  - Number of spectators in the program; and
  - Number of staff used

## **COMMUNICATIONS AWARD**

*The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding communication efforts of a park and recreation or leisure agency for the past year through the use of social media.*

Evidence of achievement, must include the following information:

- Overview of communication efforts for the event, program or agency issue.
- Evidence of the effectiveness of communication efforts to your target market through the use of facebook, twitter or other social media.
- You may submit 2-5 examples of your communication efforts in action (at an event, etc).

## **EXCELLENCE IN MAINTENANCE AWARD**

*The purpose of this award is to recognize superior maintenance standards and practices including creative approaches to problem solving and innovative means and methods of maintaining parks and recreation facilities.*

Nominations must include all of the following information for creativity or innovation in the maintenance of parks or recreation facilities:

- Detailed description of the maintenance problem and solution;
- Evidence of originality, innovation, and adaptability in the solution;
- Evidence of solid cost recovery or reduction in labor forces or material resources;
- Evidence that solution allows maintenance to proceed more efficiently and effectively.

## **EXCELLENCE IN PROGRAMMING AWARD**

*The purpose of this award is to recognize an outstanding, on-going program that has been offered for two or more years. There are three categories for this award; each member city is limited to one award submission for each category. Please check which category you are submitting. Categories: Recreation/Aquatic Program, Senior Program, Special Event*

Nominations must include the following information for an outstanding, ongoing program that has been offered for two or more years:

- Detailed description of the event
- Goals and Objectives - What was the purpose or intent of the program?
- Participation - What was the target population and how many people were in attendance?
- Creativity and Adaptability - What elements of originality were present in the program?
- Evidence of Success - Reasons for continuing the program?

## **HORIZONS AWARD**

*The purpose of this award is to recognize an outstanding professional with less than five years of experience in either parks or recreation.*

As evidence of achievement, nominees for the Horizons Award must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Must have been responsible for exemplary advancement of the recreation and parks profession (cite specific examples) in his or her locale, or within the state;
- Must have made an outstanding contribution to his or her department or community and/or the profession not included in the above;

### REQUIRED:

- Must have been a member in TRAPS and have been a professional for less than five years (list specific contributions to TRAPS or other allied organizations, committees, and responsibilities);
- List involvement in all associated or regional organizations (NRPA, NTRA, TAAF, etc).
- Nomination shall be supported by at least one letter of endorsement (and no more than 3) from a manager or supervisor within their respective agency.

## **LONE STAR PROGRAMMING AWARD**

*The purpose of this award is to recognize an innovative, first time recreation program.*

Nominations for the Lone Star Programming Award must include the following information for an innovative first time, recreation program:

- Detailed description of the event.
- Goals and Objectives - What was the purpose or intent of the program?
- Participation - What was the target population and how many people were in attendance?
- Creativity and Adaptability - What elements of originality were present in the program?

## **PARK DESIGN EXCELLENCE AWARD**

*The purpose of this award is to recognize a park development project which displays a high degree of professional design quality and recreation usage and to encourage and expand cooperation between design professionals and parks and recreation professionals.*

Nominations for the Park Design Excellence Award must include the following information for excellence in park development projects (must have completed the initial representative stage or have been completed in the last 5 years) Examples of projects that could be considered include: Regional, Community and Neighborhood Parks, Sport and Athletic complexes, Playgrounds, Nature Parks and Dog Parks.

- Detailed description of the project;
- Evidence of originality, innovation, and adaptability in the design of the project;
- Evidence of cooperation between design professionals and parks and recreation professionals;
- Evidence of impact on community.
- You may submit up to 10 pictures for this nomination.

## **PARK PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

*The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding contribution to the Parks Field.*

As evidence of achievement, nominees for the Park Professional of the Year Award must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Must have been responsible for exemplary advancement of the parks and recreation profession (cite specific examples) in his or her locale, or within the state;
- Must have made an outstanding contribution to his or her department or community and/or the profession not included in the criteria above;

### REQUIRED:

- Must have been a member in TRAPS for a minimum of five years (list specific contributions and participation in TRAPS or other allied organizations, committees, and responsibilities);
- Must be supported by a minimum of one letter of endorsement (and no more than 3) from a manager or supervisor within their respective agency.

## **PART-TIME EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

*The purpose of this award is to recognize an exceptional part-time or seasonal employee in either parks or recreation. (Nominee does not need to be an active member of TRAPS)*

As evidence of achievement, nominees for the Part-Time Employee of the Year Award must meet ALL of the following criteria;

- Must have been a part-time or seasonal employee of submitting agency with a minimum of two years of part-time work experience or three consecutive years of seasonal employment;
- Must have made an outstanding contribution to his or her department or community and/or the profession;
- Must be supported by at least one letter of endorsement (and no more than 3) from a manager or supervisor within their respective agency.

## **PROMOTIONAL AWARD**

*The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding promotional efforts of a park and recreation or leisure agency for the past year. This award should represent an individual event.*

As evidence of achievement, nominations for the Promotional Award must include the following information:

- Overview of Public Affairs/Marketing Office
- Evidence of the effectiveness of promotional programs to your target market
- You may submit 2-5 pictures of your promotional efforts in action (at an event, etc)
- Electronic versions of the following materials (submit in PDF format):
  - Printed Booklets (2 - 4 newsletters, program brochures, or annual reports)
  - Single page printed materials (2 - 4 posters, flyers, cards, or post cards)
  - News articles (2 - 4 news releases, photos, or feature articles)
  - Novelty items (2 - 4 T-shirts, balloons, or key rings)
  - Videos (link to YouTube video)

## **RECREATION FACILITY DESIGN EXCELLENCE AWARD**

*The purpose of this award is to recognize a recreation facility project which displays a high degree of professional design quality and recreation usage and to encourage and expand the cooperation between design professionals and parks and recreation professionals.*

Nominations for the Recreation Facility Design Excellence Award must include the following information for excellence in park development projects (must have completed the initial representative stage or have been completed in the last 5 years). Examples of projects that could be considered are recreation centers, senior centers, water parks, skate parks, etc.

- Detailed description of the project;
- Evidence of originality, innovation, and adaptability in the design of the project;
- Evidence of cooperation between design professionals and parks and recreation professionals;
- Evidence of impact on community.
- You may submit up to 10 pictures for this nomination.

## **RECREATION PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD**

*The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding contribution to the recreation field.*

As evidence of achievement, nominees for the Recreation Professional of the Year Award must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Must have been responsible for exemplary advancement of the recreation and parks profession (cite specific examples) in his or her locale, or within the state;
- Must have made an outstanding contribution to his or her department or community and/or the profession not included in the above;

### **REQUIRED:**

- Must have been a member in TRAPS for a minimum of five years (list specific contributions to TRAPS or other allied organizations, committees, and responsibilities);
- Must be supported by a minimum of one letter of endorsement (and no more than 3) from a manager or supervisor within their respective agency.